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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 2778

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PROP, XH, BU

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, AMBASSADOR HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ECPC DEC 17 WITH KONSTANTIN TELLALOV, SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. IN COURSE OF WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT PROSPECTS FOR ECPC IN NEAR FUTURE SEEMED TO HAVE DIMMED, AND THAT IT NOW APPEARED THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN MID-1976, AND HE INQUIRED WHY BCP HAD PRESSED SO HARD FOR AN EARLIER DATE. TELLALOV SAID IT WAS CORRECT THAT HOLDING THE CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE SOVIET AND BULGARIAN PARTY CONGRESSES HAD NOW BECOME IMPOSSIBLE; AND SINCE FURTHER CONGRESSES OF OTHER "FRATERNAL PARTIES" WERE EXPECTED IN APRIL, IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO JUNE. HE CLAIMED THAT PRINCIPAL REASON WHY BCP HAD PRESSED FOR AN EARLY MEETING WAS THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE TO GET ALL THE PARTIES TO ENDORSE THE

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HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND "TO BUILD PRESSURES IN THE WEST

IN FAVOR OF STRICT IMPLEMENTATION." HOWEVER, GIVEN  
CHOICE BETWEEN A MEANINGLESS CONFERENCE DOCUMENT OR ONE  
THAT WOULD CONTAIN SOME SUBSTANCE, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED  
THAT IT WAS WELL WORTH THE ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIRED  
TO NEGOTIATE A SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENT. HE SINGLED OUT  
ROMANIANS (WHO PROPOSED "TWENTY-FIVE PAGES OF  
AMENDMENTS" TO THE FIFTEEN-PAGE DRAFT DOCUMENT) AND THE  
SWEDES (WHO HAD WANTED TO "CUT DOWN THE DOCUMENT TO FIVE  
PAGES") AS THE PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS AT THE BERLIN  
MEETING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY. FULL MEMCON HAS BEEN  
POUCHED EUR/EE AND INR/RES.  
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